

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

May 9, 2022

Plymouth Township Council held its Regular Meeting at the Greater Plymouth Community Center. The following officials were in attendance:

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- Council:** Chris Manero ----- Chairman
 - Karen Bramblett ----- Vice-Chairman
 - Kathy Bandish
 - Lynne Viscio
 - Nicholas Whitney

 - Staff:** Karen Weiss ----- Manager
 - Mike Clarke ----- Solicitor
 - Alex Glassman ----- Solicitor's Office
 - Lonnie Manai ----- Woodrow & Associates
 - Chris Loschiavo ----- Public Works Director
 - John Myrsiades ----- Chief of Police
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Pledge of Allegiance - The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and Chairman Manero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

20 Years of Service Resolution- Andrew Moretti- ACTION- Ms. Bramblett read the resolution recognizing Andrew Moretti for his generous and outstanding service and contributions rendered while serving in the Police Department since May 14, 2002, thereby completing 20 years of service. Council extends its appreciation to Andrew Moretti who served with commitment and dedication. Plymouth Township Council desires to recognize the diligent and valuable services rendered by Andrew Moretti. Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENT- Executive Session held April 11, 2022
 Executive Session held May 2, 2022

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Manero called for the approval of the minutes.

- a. Workshop Meeting ----- April 4, 2022
- b. Regular Meeting ----- April 11, 2022

Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND BILLS: Chairman Manero called for the approval of the departmental reports and bills.

Ms. Bandish made a motion to approve the departmental reports and bills. The motion was seconded by Ms. Viscio. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

ADMINISTRATION

a. Records Disposition Resolution- ACTION- Ms. Bandish read the resolution. Ms. Bandish made a motion to approve this resolution and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a. National Police Week Resolution- ACTION- Mr. Whitney read the resolution declaring the week of May 8th-14th, 2022, as National Police Week, and thanking the Police Department for its valor, service, and dedication to the Township. Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

b. Commendation of Merit- ACTION- Ms. Viscio read the commendation of merit recognizing Detective Joseph LaPenta, the lead investigator assigned, for his intelligent and valuable police service. His perseverance and determined actions removed two violent and armed individuals from the community, and brought justice for the victims. Ms. Viscio made a motion to approve this and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

c. Unit Citation- ACTION- Ms. Bandish read the unit citation recognizing Sgt. Andrew Adams, Ofc. Jonathan Monaghan, Ofc. Jennifer Wittenberger, Ofc. Paul Subbio, Ofc. Jonathan Marinelli, Ofc. Andrew Murdock, Dispatcher Karen Bowman, Det. Sgt. Christopher Schwartz, Det. Andrew Moretti, Det. Eric Ponzek, Ofc. Mark Lacy, and Ofc. Holly Donohue for their great skill and tactical teamwork to safely render aid to those in need, secure all evidence, and assist in apprehending the two violent individuals for future prosecution. Ms. Bandish made a motion to approve this and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

PUBLIC/WORKS/SEWER

a. National Public Works Week Resolution- ACTION- Mr. Manero read the resolution declaring the week of May 15th-21st, 2022, as National Public Works Week. Mr. Manero commended the Public Works employees for doing so much more than their jobs by going above and beyond every day. The department leadership and the employees are an integral part of this Township. Mr. Manero made a motion to approve this resolution.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

Richard Schickling- 111 Boulder Road- stated Plymouth Township has the best Public Works Department.

b. Highway Materials Bid Award- ACTION- Mr. Manero read the memorandum from Mr. Loschiavo recommending Glasgow, the low bidder, be awarded the bid for 2022 street paving. Mr. Manero made a motion to approve this bid award and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

Richard Schickling- 111 Boulder Road- asked if it was possible to consider paving some of the intersections in his development that are in need.

Marlene Chaiken- 666 W. Germantown Pike, Unit 2806- wanted to know if Germantown Pike, between Launfall Road and Plymouth Road, could be patched up, because it has many potholes. Mr. Manero stated that is not our street, but we will report it to PADOT.

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

- a. **L.D. 17-2 Conicelli Auto Group/906 Ridge Pike**
 - 1) Expiration date August 20, 2022
- b. **L.D. 18-4 SMG Hotels/201 Plymouth Road**
 - 1) Expiration date June 30, 2022
- c. **S.D. 20-2 Marchese/751 Belvoir Road**
 - 1) Time Limit Waived
- d. **L.D. 21-1 Kelman and Magliari Realty, LLC/2070 Butler Pike**
 - 1) Expiration date June 30, 2022
- e. **L.D. 21-3 David Erb, Jr. /101 North Lane**
 - 1) Expiration date September 30, 2022
- f. **L.D. 22-1 1508 Sandy Hill Road/Riverview Land Development**
 - 1) Extension granted to June 15, 2022- **ACTION-** Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve this extension and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.
- g. **L.D. 22-2 Conicelli Autoplex/1208 Ridge Pike/Hyundai**
 - 1) Expiration date June 28, 2022

CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROJECTS NOT YET RECORDED

- a. **Extension Requests- ACTION-**
 - 1) **ALBA Family to July 15, 2022-** Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve this extension request and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.
 - 2) **Plymouthtowne II to August 13, 2022-** Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve this extension request and was seconded by Ms. Viscio.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

3) **107 Ridge Pike to November 15, 2022-** Ms. Bandish made a motion to approve this extension request and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

a. Escrow Releases- ACTION-

1) **Plymouthtowne-** Mr. Whitney stated sufficient work has been completed to release \$64,255.16. Mr. Whitney made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

b. Maintenance Guaranty Release- 1960 Lynda Drive- ACTION- Ms. Bandish stated this communication is from Woodrow & Associates stating the maintenance period is up and the public improvements are in good condition, so it is time to release the maintenance bond. Ms. Bandish made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

c. Maintenance Guaranty Release- Be Amazing, LLC- ACTION- Ms. Viscio read the memorandum from Mr. Conroy stating Woodrow & Associates has inspected the public improvements and it is now time to release the maintenance bond. Ms. Viscio made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

ZONING

a. Zoning Hearings- Ms. Viscio announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 16, 2022 commencing at 7:00 p.m., on the following application: 1) JCC Catania Properties, LLC. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested party may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

PARKS AND RECREATION

a. Upcoming Events- Ms. Bandish stated the following are the upcoming events: 5 Steps to Home Composting- Tuesday, May 10th, Events at Harriet Wetherill Park- Goat yoga, archery, and bird walks- various dates, Montgomery County Senior Games- Monday, May 9th to 13th, Summer day camp and specialty camps- registration currently taking place, Outdoor Market at the Montgomery County Community College- Sunday, May 22nd, Outdoor Movie: Sing 2- Wednesday, June 15th, Concert: Box of Books- Wednesday, June 29th, Outdoor Movie: Minions- Wednesday, June 29th, Save the Date National Night Out- Tuesday, August 2nd, and Plymouth Township Day- Saturday, June 4th.

Ms. Bandish stated sponsors are needed for Movies and Concerts, details are available in our brochure, app, website, social media, or by calling (610) 277-4312.

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a. **Citizen Board Vacancy Announcement-** Ms. Bramblett stated the following citizen board positions are open: three positions on the Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board and one on the Historical Architectural Review Board. Anyone interested in serving on one of these boards can submit a resume or letter of interest to Karen Weiss, the Township Manager.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Keith Tornetta- representing Plymouthtowne II- Screen Buffer Request- stated he could not attend the Workshop meeting last week and is here to answer any questions Council has. Ms. Bramblett asked why they are forgoing the tree buffer.

Mr. Tornetta stated he met with the neighbors they expressed their concern with the grading of the property and were afraid storm water would enter their property. In response to that concern, Mr. Tornetta's engineer designed a 200 ft. wall to prevent storm water coming onto their property. Mr. Tornetta stated because the construction of the wall and the location of the utilities, they do not have room for a tree buffer. Mr. Tornetta stated they are still able to fit 10 trees.

Ms. Bramblett asked if the wall has a drop off. Mr. Tornetta stated yes. Ms. Bramblett asked where the water goes. Mr. Tornetta stated it goes back onto our site, into the storm water system. Ms. Bramblett asked how many trees they are giving up. Mr. Tornetta stated 38 trees. Ms. Bandish asked what material is the wall constructed of. Mr. Tornetta stated it is an EP Henry wall and a privacy type fence.

Linda Platt- 666 W. Germantown Pike, Unit 2620- thanked Council for their letter and would like to know if any discussion or decisions have been reached regarding the sprinkler system. Mr. Manero stated we did discuss the situation and will be able to present the next steps at the June meeting.

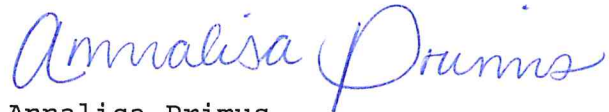
Carole Graham- 666 W. Germantown Pike- stated she lived in the Township for 35 years and wanted to thank Council for listening to the residents. Ms. Graham stated everyone is anxious and remains available if need be. Ms. Graham stated she hopes Council heard all of our concerns.

Jim Martin- 666 W. Germantown Pike, Unit 1801- stated there is continuity and anxiety over this issue. Mr. Martin stated the application of retrofitting would have an economic impact to sell a unit. Mr. Martin stated their attorney told residents that they must disclose that they are out of compliance if they want to sell their unit. Mr. Martin stated its creating deep anxiety.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Annalisa Primus
Recording Secretary